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## Olympian to speak about importance of sports

By Michelle Bosserman  
Reporter

She's heard the U.S. National Anthem while she stood on the gold-medal podium in Rome, and tonight she will be on campus.

Lucinda Williams Adams, 1960 Olympic gold medal winner, will speak at 8 p.m. in room 1007 of the Business Administration building.

During her speech, Adams will discuss the importance of sporting events as well as her athletic achievements, includ-

ing her capture of three gold medals and her record for the woman's 220-yard dash.

Besides her Olympic achievements, Adams was also elected president of the National Association for Sports and Physical Education in 1994 and has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Ohio Professional and Amateur Athletics Committee.

Nancy Spencer, associate professor of human movement, sport and leisure studies, emphasized the significance of Adams' achievements on and

off the sports field.

"[The Olympics] were really important in the history of our country," Spencer said. "In the times of the Cold War, the U.S. and Russia were the two superpowers, and our success on the field was seen in part as success off the field."

Adams is an important figure in sports and competed at high-intensity levels during a time when females were not known to show athleticism.

Freshman Katie Murtha heard about the event and is interested in what Adams has

to say. Murtha thinks the event will be interesting because participating in the Olympics is "not something everybody does."

Distinguished teacher and professor emeritus of human movement, sport and leisure studies Janet Parks is in part responsible for bringing the established athlete to speak at the University.

Parks feels students should attend the event for two reasons.

"[Adams] was a female athlete long before people realized



**Lucinda Williams Adams**  
1960 gold medal Olympian

females could be so accomplished," Parks said. "Also, the social climate at the time heightens the achievements of the athletes who participated in the 1960 Olympics."

The event is free and open to all students and community members.

## Sick Notes DENIED

By Kelly Metz  
Reporter

During cold and flu season, the Student Health Center is littered with coughing, wheezing, sniffing college students who claim they are on the brink of death.

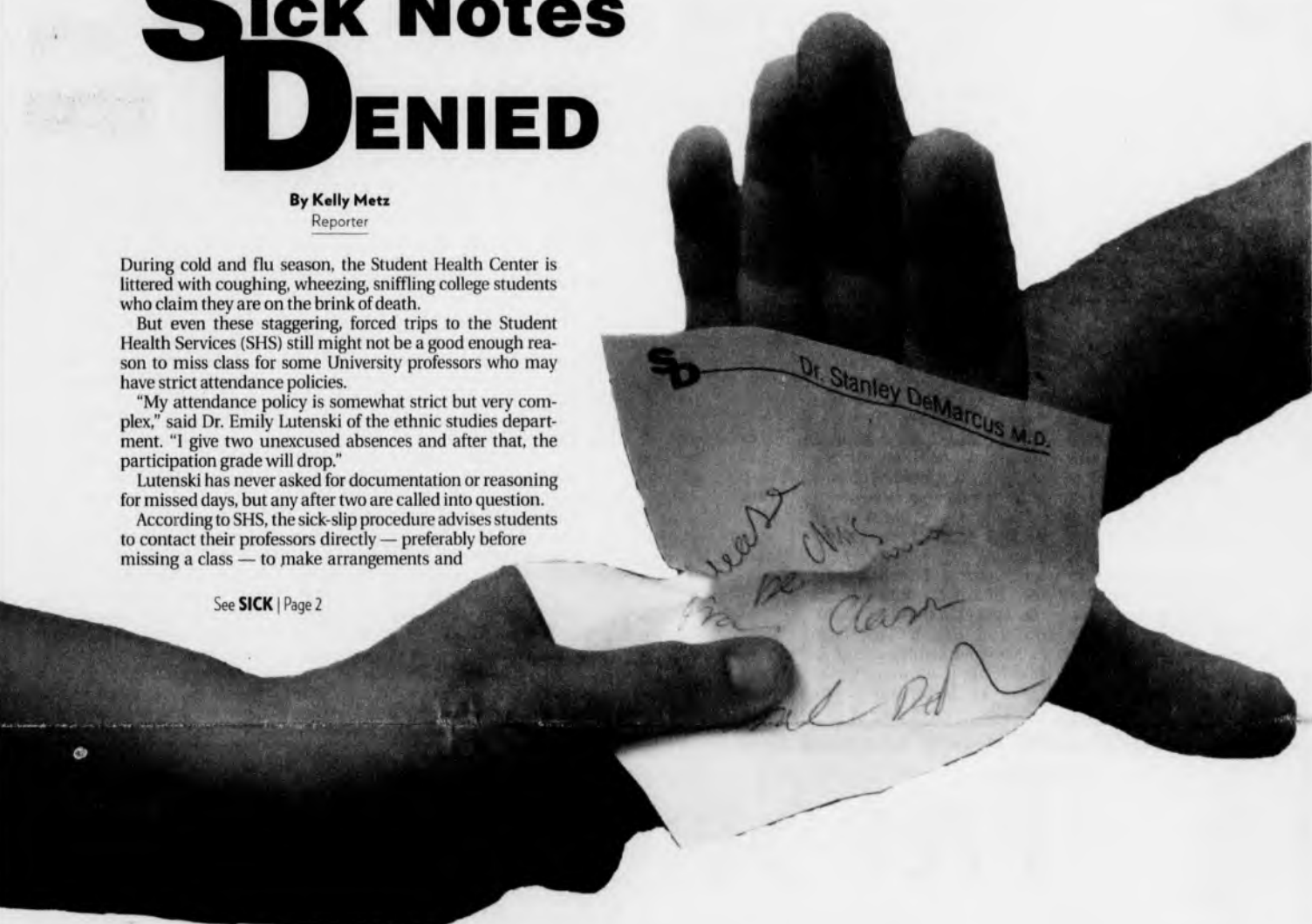
But even these staggering, forced trips to the Student Health Services (SHS) still might not be a good enough reason to miss class for some University professors who may have strict attendance policies.

"My attendance policy is somewhat strict but very complex," said Dr. Emily Lutenski of the ethnic studies department. "I give two unexcused absences and after that, the participation grade will drop."

Lutenski has never asked for documentation or reasoning for missed days, but any after two are called into question.

According to SHS, the sick-slip procedure advises students to contact their professors directly — preferably before missing a class — to make arrangements and

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## Documentaries spark discussion on race relations at University level

By Steve Kunkler  
Reporter

Students came together last night for a viewing of films and an open discussion on race relations in the Multipurpose Room at the Union.

The event, "From Conversation to Action: Race in the Public Arena," screened two films: "Silences" and "What Makes Me White," which depicted the way in which people deal with race in the United States.

"Silences" was a documentary made by Toledo native Octavio Warnock-Graham that depicted the story of a young man trying to find out more about his roots. Warnock-Graham was born to a white mother and a black father and raised by a white family.

The film showed several interviews from Warnock-Graham's family.

The second film, "What

**"I'm not getting the job because I'm privileged, it's because I'm awesome."**

Michael Martinez | Senior

Makes Me White," was a film which gave descriptions about the differences between whites and blacks.

Among those who were interviewed were Manual Fernandez, a social activist from Boston who described situations where race plays a role in how people react to a situation.

One of the stories told was of when Fernandez had a young white child point him out to his mother saying, "Mommy, that man is black," to which the

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**PAST AND PRESENT:** Errol Lam, faculty emeritus, discusses the way Martin Luther King Jr. Day was celebrated with respect and is now seen as a day off of school or work.

## Education Abroad fair offers students a chance to learn beyond their borders

By Becky Tener  
Reporter

Students looking to broaden their horizons outside the campus should visit the Education Abroad Fair tomorrow to take their education to new places.

The Fair will be held in room 228 of the Union from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., with programs being offered for students interested in earning credit abroad for their major, minor or general interests.

The fair will also provide students with the resources they need to prepare successfully to study abroad.

Global Initiatives Director

Jeffrey Grilliot said there are three ways students can study abroad: through University-sponsored programs, non-University organizations and short-term faculty-run programs.

"The fair is a way to introduce all three options to BGUSU students," he said.

According to Grilliot, the purpose of the fair is for students to stop in and look around. With over 30 different tables, there are a wide variety of options for students to consider.

"Students can go from one table to the next and see what looks good, what looks better [or] what deals with their

major," he said. "It's a fair." Grilliot said the best part of the Study Abroad Fair is stu-

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## Freshmen need to hone time management skills

By Steve Kunkler  
Reporter

Among some of the many adjustments students make in their transition from high school to college is their ability to manage time. And for some students, planning out their days effectively is harder than it might seem.

According to Psychology Resident Stefani Hathaway from the University Counseling Center, issues with time management are common among students who are new to college.

"Classes don't take up all day,

so [they] have time to figure out what to do with [their time], and that's a learning process," Hathaway said.

The structured format of high school schedules compared to the credit-hour system used by the University can give students a difficult time in adjusting to their newfound free time, said Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Joe Oravec.

While some students struggle in dividing their free time up, others come prepared for the flexible schedule college offers, he added.

"Some students come in with

**"Classes don't take up all day ... it's a learning process."**

Stefani Hathaway | Psychology resident

experiences in high school where they are very disciplined with their time," he said.

However, Hathaway said there are ways which students can tell

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## BLOTTER TUESDAY

3:34 A.M.

Complainant noticed a cut window screen on the south side of apartment on State Avenue. Complainant said an unknown person has been loitering in the hallway the past few nights.

1:22 A.M.

Joshua Lusk, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for operating a vehicle while under the influence and for having an open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle.

## MONDAY

8:44 A.M.

Juvenile was arrested for disorderly conduct after yelling vulgar and racially motivated language at Bowling Green High School staff members.

**ONLINE:** Go to [bgnews.com](http://bgnews.com) for the complete blotter list.

## SICK

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accommodate their illness, but they can't give actual sick notes.

The procedure states that "the Student Health Service can not vouch for past or present illnesses either for you or your professor. As an emerging adult, we believe you and feel strongly your professors do as well."

However, junior J.P. Gagen said most instructors don't believe students when they claim to be sick — with or without a sick note — because many students skip class using illness as their main excuse.

"I think the Health Center should allow sick notes for those students who go to class and have to miss because they are ill," he said. "No one is perfect, people get sick and it's better to miss class than to show up and spread germs."

Gagen said if an instructor has a strict attendance policy, a method should be established

for students who miss class due to long-term or habitual sickness.

The SHS procedure currently states if a student misses more than three days of class, they should contact the Office of Student Life, but the student would overall be responsible for any class work missed.

But Gagen said there are some habitual illnesses that don't come up consecutively.

For senior Sean Mika, mono was one of those illnesses during his junior year and his on-campus job required documentation from the Health Center, and he got one.

"The sick note stated I would be excused from work for a week," he said. "Obviously mono takes longer than a week to recover from and work was upset with me because after that week, I wasn't ready to come back."

Dr. Joshua Kaplan, former director of SHS, explained how he feels about the sick-slip policy and procedure in a letter posted

on the BGSU Monitor.

"I know that our sick-slip policy seems designed to make it difficult for students, for faculty and for staff who supervise student employees to obtain sick-slips," the letter stated. "The reason for that is that it was."

The letter goes on to state his reasons behind this: sick-slips are actually of very little value, it's not true anyone too ill to attend class should seek medical care and the staffing at SHS is hardly extravagant enough to schedule appointments for over 15,000 sick students.

"Since our primary concern is to treat and prevent illness, we work on the assumptions that when students say they are sick, they are sick," he wrote. "We are all generally working at or near our limits, and it definitely would impair our ability to provide the care that is needed if a significant number of our available appointments were to be taken by students who were coming for the primary purpose of getting a sick-

slip."

But faculty might not necessarily be asking for sick-slips for the sole purpose of lowering an attendance grade — they could be not asking because it would infringe upon a right of privacy or be unfair.

"Every student is entitled to his or her own privacy," Lutenski said. "After two days missed, the absences are called into question but it's not my place to ask and more often than not, the student gives me more information than I need."

Mika said faculty should allow unexcused absences because there are some medical problems students may not want to divulge.

"As college students, we're at a point where privacy is a big deal," he said. "And faculty should give us the benefit of a doubt because the majority of students do have reasonable excuses for not coming to class."

Lutenski said if she believes a student is habitually sick or may

have long-term health issues, she may request some form of documentation but doesn't require a written diagnosis. She said she would do this because ROTC and athlete students have to supply documentation for missed days and so should other students missing several classes.

"I don't want to create an inequity," she said. "If ROTC gives notes, and athletes give notes, then people who are habitually or long-term sick should give me something so I know what is going on."

Lutenski said she has heard of many instructors enforcing an attendance policy too strict — supplying documentation for any classes missed — but she feels like there should be a difference between being an attendance tyrant and having an attendance policy.

"There is a little wiggle room for kindness," she said. "I can still be kind and enforce an attendance policy with or without documentation."

## FAIR

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dents who have gone on the programs run many of the tables and a majority are students from the University.

"You can actually talk to a BGSU student who was there last year and it kind of gives you a sense of 'if you can do it I can do it' mind set," he said.

Graduate Assistant Christy Rakness said the fair is full of resources about perspective travel abroad options.

"There are tons of tables and workers so there are plenty of people to talk to," she said.

The fair is targeted at students interested in studying in the summer of 2009 and the 2009 and 2010 school year. Rakness said the deadline for spring of 2009 has already passed but she encourages students to still find information and go next year.

Additional resources for education abroad can be found at the fair, including internship opportunities, scholarship information and financial aid. Rakness said students should not let the cost of a program keep them from exploring

**"Go over and check it out because you can learn a lot."**

Cynthia Whipple | Director

the fair and finding a place to study.

"Check it out and go for it," she said. "We'll figure out a way to get you there."

Cynthia Whipple, director of Romance and Classical Abroad Programs, said among many other abroad opportunities from around the world her department will be offering programs in Spain, France and Burkina Faso. She urges students to stop in at the fair and pick up information about what they are interested in.

"Go over and check it out because you can learn a lot," she said.

For more information about the Education Abroad Fair or the application process, students can visit the Web site at [educationabroad.bgsu.edu](http://educationabroad.bgsu.edu) or stop in the Education Abroad Office in McDonald North, suite 61.

## TIME

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if their time management is not where it should be. This includes missing deadlines, or not being able to account for how a person's time is spent during the day.

"If you're unsuccessful at juggling the things you need to juggle than you need to look for a different way of doing it," she said.

Oravec believes the way students handle time management can be placed into one of three categories: students who try to do too much, students who procrastinate and new students who get involved in but limit activities until they have a better understanding of the requirements of their schedule.

Some students from the University have learned to make better use of their time by allowing them to concentrate on both their requirements with school and their involvement with campus organizations.

Jami Reese, a senior majoring in early childhood education, feels as though she has improved in managing the requirements which come from both her classes and Alpha Phi

Omega, a co-ed service fraternity on campus.

"When I started as a freshman I had all this to do and I thought I could do it all," Reese said. "I didn't understand you need to prioritize more in college than in high school."

Other students have devised tricks they use to help limit the time they spend studying.

This includes Nick Steuver, a senior majoring in psychology and pre-med, who uses flash cards to keep the time he spends studying limited, which leaves more time to work on papers.

Some students have had to balance other responsibilities outside of school which has forced them to change some of their habits.

Alex Shinn, a sophomore majoring in adolescent/young adult math, balances school work with a job by only scheduling classes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Shinn does what she can to ensure she does not put assignments off until the last minute.

"Before I start, I look at all my assignments to see how much time I need for each one and plan my time accordingly," she said.

## RACE

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mother replied, "Shh."

Following the short films, a discussion about what role race plays here at the University and in the surrounding community took place.

Junior Brian Siefke believed that some people at the University would rather not discuss race, and that where a student comes from has an impact on their ability to communicate with people from different backgrounds.

Siefke even believes his race has helped him when looking for employment.

"I realize I've probably got a few jobs because I'm white," he said.

Others felt that being a minority offers an opportunity to educate others about what their experiences are like on a day-to-day basis. This includes senior Michael Martinez, who believes that minorities have a responsibility to educate others on what minorities experience in society.

"I take it as a privilege sometimes to be discriminated against," Martinez said. "I'm

not getting the job because I'm privileged, it's because I'm awesome."

Others in attendance said people need to change their thinking about a subject before progress can be made.

Faculty Emeritus Errol Lam said people who are asked to support minority events are the minorities themselves and no other groups are really involved in the event. Lam used Martin Luther King Jr. Day as an example where a day has gone from a time to remember the accomplishments to a day where people simply take work off.

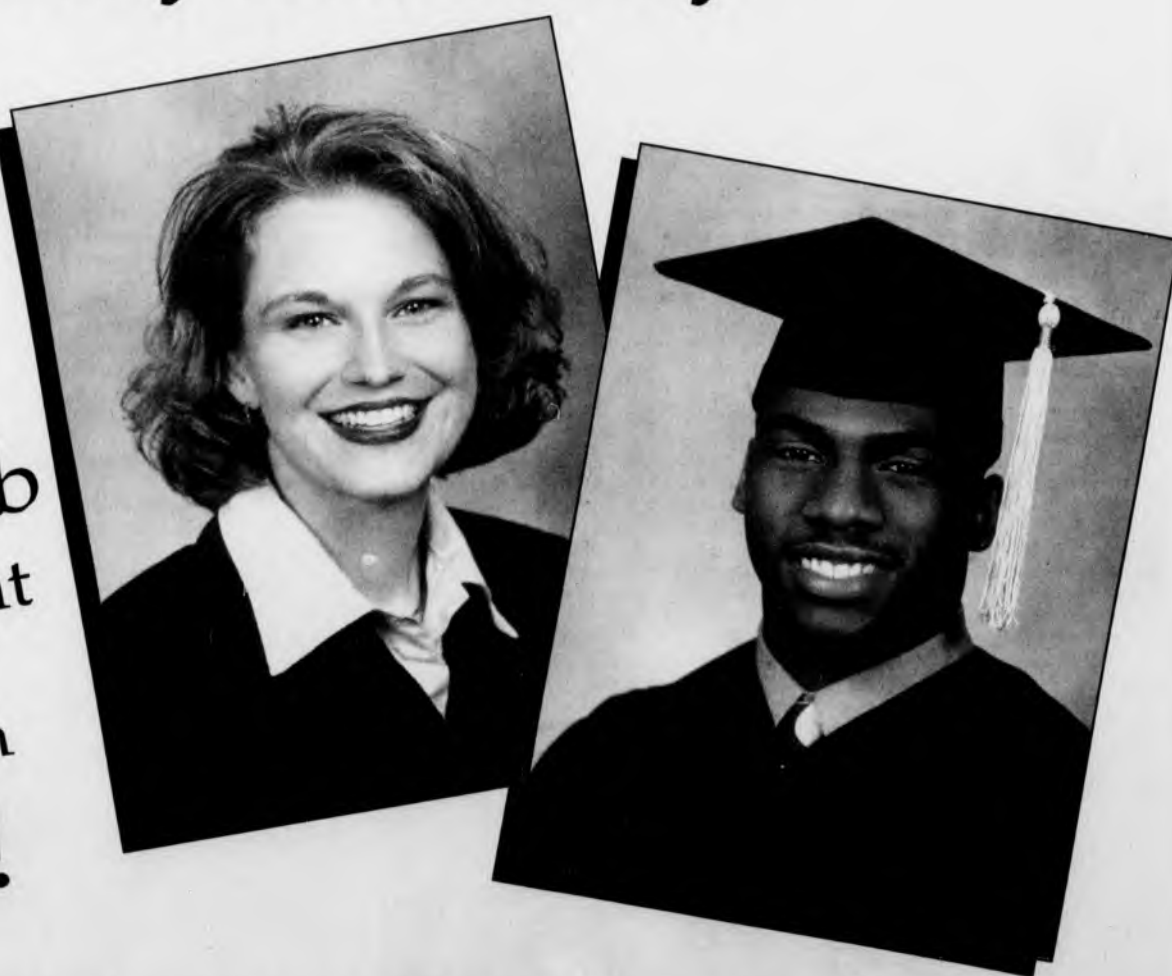
Some of those in attendance walked away with hope that society can change the way they look at minorities in the future.

Joelle Ruby Ryan, co-organizer of the Committee Advancing Racial Equality, which hosted the event, said she will encourage other students to attend events like "From Conversation to Action" in the future. She also left impressed with the people who showed up to last night's event.

"[Those in attendance] reaffirmed my hope that there are people on campus who want to work together to promote unity, and social change," she said.

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## GET A LIFE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Some events taken from events.bgsu.edu

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Accounting Interview Day**  
202 Union

8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

**Latino Conference**  
101A Olscamp

9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**FYSS Conference**  
**Registration**  
316 Union

10 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**FYSS Conference**  
314 Union

11 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**V3: Variations in**  
**Vision & Video**  
Fine Arts Center

12 p.m. - 1 p.m.

**Freshman 15**  
201A Union

9 p.m. - 11 p.m.

**Euchre Tournament**  
Black Swamp Pub

9:15 p.m. - 11 p.m.

**BG Reel Productions**  
203 West Hall

## PLAYING FOR THE PEOPLE



ALAINA BUZAS | THE BG NEWS

**SWEET MUSIC:** Two members of the band the Argonauts, Curtis Edward Presley (saxophone) and alumnus Mark Kros (guitar) entertain students in the Black Swamp Pub last night. "We're mostly about the good times and putting on a good show," Presley said. Presley, who has been playing saxophone since the 7th grade, was a University student before leaving for Army training. Now that he's back in Bowling Green, he hopes to be enrolled in the University's jazz program next semester.

## Universities go green, rid cafeterias of trays

By Will Ferreaz  
U-Wire

A longtime staple of the college cafeteria is disappearing nationwide. Not the pizza station or the long lines, but the trays are vanishing.

Anyone who frequents Perry Cafeteria has undoubtedly seen the signs saying going trayless is significantly cheaper and greener.

Aramark and Sodexo, both catering giants, have conducted extensive tests to determine the economical and environmental cost of maintaining cafeteria trays. Their conclusion is to ditch the trays altogether.

The Associated Press reports over half of Aramark's and over a third of Sodexo's partners are expecting to get rid of their trays.

According to an article in Time magazine, Sodexo spokesperson Monica Zimmer said five times more energy and water are consumed in dining halls than any other square foot on college campuses.

A 2008 Aramark study found one-third to one-half gallons of water were used to wash each tray. This translates into 288,000 gallons saved throughout the various periods of the year these studies were conducted.

Aramark spokesperson

Jennifer Barnette said she is not surprised the movement will help save water and electricity.

"A year on average, we waste about 648,000 gallons of water washing trays," she said.

Vice president for student affairs Bill Kiblers said the transition also helps to eliminate waste.

"[Aramark's] research shows ... there is a natural tendency, when you have a tray, to fill it up," he said.

Aramark's nationwide study confirms 1.2 ounces to 1.8 ounces of food waste is reduced per person when trayless dining is implemented. Removing trays reduced food waste by 25 to 30 percent.

Many colleges have already begun these initiatives. USA Today reported New York University has dropped food waste per tray by 4.03 ounces to less than 2.73 ounces; the Universities of North Carolina and Maine-Farmington have both achieved some level of traylessness, and the University of Texas college newspaper has also reported such achievements for its university.

Anticipating criticism, Aramark surveyed 92,000 students at 300 campuses across North America. Seventy-nine

percent of students were fine with eliminating trays. Still, some students aren't so quick to part with their beloved cafeteria trays.

Freshman Aisha Little said although trayless service will help save resources, the transition will cause delays.

"If [we have to] go back and get another plate [we] just waste a lot of time," she said.

MSU freshman Gregory Cole said he supports trayless dining.

"We don't need trays," he said. "You can just go back and get another plate."

Cafeteria staff member Angela Hudson said the initiative would be a valuable transition for the university.

## Candidates support participation in college ROTC programs

By Vera Bergengruen  
U-Wire

In the most recent incarnation of a controversy that has reappeared in various forms since the Vietnam War, advocacy groups continue their battle to reinstate the Reserve Officers Training Corps at the multiple Ivy League institutions where they are currently banned.

Recent years have seen opponents of the ROTC raise objections on the grounds that the program, through its ties to the U.S. Armed Forces, legitimizes the military's policies regarding homosexuality.

The issue of the ban was most recently raised by presidential candidates Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama in speeches at Columbia University last month. Both candidates agreed that Columbia is making a mistake by banning the ROTC from its campus.

"I don't think that's right," McCain said. "Shouldn't the students here be exposed to the attractiveness of serving in the military, particularly as an officer?"

Obama agreed, saying that, some students' disagreement with military policy should not preclude others who wish to participate in ROTC programs from doing so.

"The notion that young people here at Columbia or anywhere, in any university, aren't offered the choice, the option of participating in military service, I think is a mistake," Obama said.

According to the Wall Street Journal, audience members booed in disagreement.

The ROTC program, which was once common at most colleges and universities across the country, has met renewed opposition in Ivy League institutions.

At Harvard, for example, around 25 percent of the students in the mid-1960s served in the military through the ROTC, according to Paul Mawn, a 1963 Harvard graduate and chairman of the Harvard Advocates for ROTC. The numbers were higher in the preceding decades — during the Korean War, around 60 percent of students served in the program, and participation was as high as 80 percent during World War II, Mawn said.

The ROTC is a 140-year-old military officer-commissioning program that prepares college students to enter military service. The program includes the study of ethics and military history, physical fitness training and provides full scholarships for students who are contracting with the ROTC.

In the 1960s, most Ivy League campuses banned the ROTC due to protests by students and faculty who objected to a program

**"The notion that young people ... aren't offered the choice ... is a mistake."**

Barack Obama | Senator

that, in their opinion, brought the military onto campuses and into the curriculum.

Today Dartmouth, Cornell University, Princeton University and the University of Pennsylvania operate ROTC programs on their campuses. Students at the other four Ivy League institutions have the option of participating in the ROTC through other nearby universities.

Campus opposition to the ROTC in more recent years has been centered on the U.S. military's "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, which prohibits any homosexual or bisexual person from disclosing his or her sexual orientation while serving.

Advocates of the ROTC's return to college campuses say that future military officers should not be punished for a statute that originated in Congress and not in the military itself.

Sean Wilkes, a 2006 Columbia graduate and chairman of Columbia Advocates for ROTC, said that ROTC is completely unrelated to the DADT policy.

"I absolutely agree that DADT is discriminatory and that it challenges both the policies and the social norms of Ivy League universities," Wilkes said. "But DADT is not simply a policy that the military decided one day to enact on its own accord."

David Bookstaber, a 1999 graduate of Yale University who attended the university on an ROTC scholarship, said that opposition to ROTC has been ongoing since the 1960s but has manifested itself in different ways over the years.

"In my opinion, banning the ROTC at the Ivies has just been a tool of academic politics," Bookstaber said. "The liberal majority [of the faculty at certain Ivy League schools] has despised the U.S. military since Vietnam, and the rationale for ongoing opposition has changed over the years. The Clinton administration gave them a new excuse for opposing the ROTC by passing the DADT law."

Mawn agreed, saying that opponents unjustly blame the military and ROTC for what is fundamentally a policy of the federal government.

"Either they're stupid or naïve, because most of them don't recognize that the DADT law has zero to do with the ROTC or the Pentagon. It's all a political decision based on U.S. code," he said.

"Up to two years ago, the ROTC couldn't even have a place in the yearbooks [at Harvard] or post notices on bulletin boards."

The ongoing hostility towards the ROTC, especially at Harvard, does not come from the undergraduates, Mawn added, but from older faculty members.

"The opposition comes from a strongly vocal and powerful minority in the faculty of arts and sciences who want to relive their youth — the barricades and red flags in 1969 — when they revolted against the values of their parents," he said. "Unlike in the 1960s, however, most undergraduates are now apathetic."

ROTC supporters affiliated with Ivy League schools without ROTC programs have organized "Advocates for ROTC" groups to raise awareness and clear up misunderstandings.

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"If you're unsuccessful at juggling the things you need to juggle then you need to look for a different way of doing it."  
— Stefani Hathaway, psychology resident at the University Counseling Center, on students' need for time management skills [see story, pg. 1].

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## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

What do you usually do when you procrastinate?



"Facebook or download music."

**ALISON MARTIN,**  
Junior,  
Film



"Watch TV or play on my computer."

**ANDREW COMPEAN,**  
Sophomore,  
Education



"I watch TV or surf the Web."

**SASCHA HIRRLER,**  
Sophomore,  
International Business

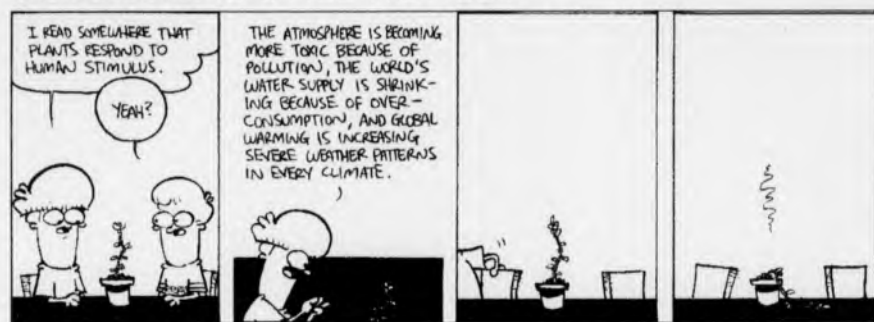


"Facebook, watch movies or call my friends and go out."

**TIARA WILEY,**  
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## Move over America, the world is here

By Tom Hart  
U-Wire

Markets continued to search for stability last week as global financial leaders met in Washington to discuss an international plan to overcome the crisis. The credit crisis in the United States has affected financial systems worldwide and has led to questions about America's status as the planet's leading superpower. Several scholars believe the U. S. has outlived its moment in the spotlight.

Political philosopher and London School of Economics professor John Gray expressed this belief in an interview with the London newspaper The Observer: "The era of American global leadership, reaching back to the Second World War, is over ... The American free-market creed has self-destructed, while countries that retained overall control of markets have been vindicated."

Gray also commented "in a change as far-reaching in its implications as the fall of the Soviet Union, an entire model of government and the economy has collapsed."

Those who care to dwell on the yes or no answer to the question of whether the U. S. is or is not the most powerful nation in the world miss the important issue that arises in the discussion.

As national economies have grown over the last 15 years, so has national confidence, and 124 countries experienced economic growth at 4 percent or more in 2007. The increase in economic strength has changed the mindset of national leaders and has made them more self-confident. Foreign countries have reduced their reliance on positive U.S. relations and are increasingly making more decisions based on their own beliefs.

Fareed Zakaria's new book,

"The Post-American World," sheds light on this global rise and stresses the ways America can benefit from cooperation. "What the United States has to do is to first fundamentally recognize that this is a sea change in power, that you have this rise of the rest of the world, and ask itself what role it can play," Zakaria said.

Zakaria notes that the world is moving toward a future of international collaboration and prosperity. U.S. citizens need to stop worrying about whether we are or are not the world's leading superpower and bringing up the fact that Roman and British rules lasted for centuries. This is a different time and comparisons to events that transpired before widespread international development took place are irrelevant. Ultimately, we should be asking what we can do to help lead the conversation that sets future international policies.

Ethnocentric beliefs and unilateral actions continue to weaken our relationships with foreign nations. It is unrealistic to believe that the United States' influence will always hold precedence. Our country needs to listen as well as speak. The emergence of self-confident and economically stable nations has brought more voices to international discussions. If one voice continues to speak over the rest, this will lead nothing but to discontent and a lack of respect.

John Bolton, former American ambassador to the United Nations, was overtly upset with Gray's allegations of America's influential downfall in his response to BBC News. "If he has no U.S. assets, why should we be paying any attention to him?" Bolton asked. This opinion highlights a very disheartening perspective held by too many American officials with foreign policy influence.

## Child-bearing is non-issue for same-sex rights debate

By Aaron Gadbury  
U-Wire

I believe Supreme Court Justice Richard N. Palmer said it best when he wrote that denying marriage to same-sex couples would create separate standards.

Connecticut, the third state to grant the right of marriage to same-sex couples, is proving that America is on its way to a more tolerant and open-minded nation. This is really the only way Americans should be, considering we were founded on the basis of diversity.

Yet still, not everyone sees things that way. Connecticut Supreme Court Justice Peter T. Zarella, being one of those individuals, said that marriage laws are intact because it is a privilege and that procreation can be regulated. He claims that marriage has an ancient definition, rooted in "biology, not bigotry."

This is utterly absurd. If I understand correctly, he is saying that the government has the right to govern procreation. If he is so worried about procreation, he should not focus solely on whether the gay community can gain the right to marry. He makes it sound as if only married people can make babies. He needs to take a closer look around the country because the United States has the highest teen pregnancy rate in the industrialized world. One-third of girls get pregnant before the age of 20, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Now with the average marriage age being 27 for men and 25 for women, I'm not think that too many of those girls are already married before they conceive.

The statement made by Zarella doesn't even have a leg to stand on. He can say that ancient marriage laws are rooted in biology for reasons of procreation because according to the First Amendment he is allowed that right. But now Connecticut, along with two other states, allows the right to same-sex marriage, the reason being that the year is 2008, far from the ancient definition.

## November's election raises multiple emotions, lots of anger



LORI WEBER  
COLUMNIST

I'm tired of red and blue states. I'm tired of people getting angry over other people's choices. And I'm tired of people taking my Obama/Biden sign from my front yard.

There is a huge, deep-seated hatred in this election that I don't remember in past elections. Granted I'm only 27 years old, but what I remember from my youth is an understanding that while your neighbor may not have been voting along with you, there was a level of respect for their choice. Now people are fighting like pit bulls towards the polls.

McCain supporters shout out "NoBama!" during rallies, while Obama supporters say not so nice things about McCain. That part is relatively normal. But it is the animosity behind them that is disgusting.

This is a racially heated race as well. McCain supporters have shouted "kill him," referring to Obama, during pep rallies, as well as instigated violence. While most of the comments were ignored by McCain and Palin, it took an admonishing from the crowd in order for McCain to say something positive about Obama.

I wouldn't say that political advertisements themselves have been overwhelmingly negative. True, McCain seems to paint a darker picture, but that is nothing compared to the ads made in the past against Bush (Jr. and Sr.), Kerry, Gore,

Dukakis and Mondale.

The worst political ad that I can think of is the "Daisy Girl" ad that former President Lyndon B. Johnson's campaign created. In it, a little girl is picking petals off of a daisy, and she is really adorable. She is counting each petal she pulls off, and then suddenly, a loud voice starts a countdown. BOOM! An atomic bomb goes off complete with a mushroom cloud and flames. "These are the stakes ... We must either love each other or we must die."

Back in 1964, when that ad was made, the political spectrum was different. The idea of a red or blue state wasn't created yet. States were either for the Democratic nominee or the Republican one. I can remember when they would either put the initials of who carried that state, or "D" for Democrat, or "R" for Republican. The states didn't start changing colors until 1992.

Now, who would have thought that attorneys would be required in order to vote? The Obama campaign is preparing to have an attorney present at every precinct in Miami-Dade County in Florida to ensure that voters are given the information necessary at the polls.

It is a mess. It is a mess in both directions and it is getting to the point where I just want it to be over with. In just under three weeks, a new president will be elected. Will the hatred end there? Most likely no.

If McCain wins, many Americans will take offense to those that voted him in office because he is considered to be "too much like Bush." There have been reports from European news that terrorist attacks may increase if McCain wins not only because of his mil-

itary background, but because he is so entwined with Bush. I have even heard students and professors say that if he wins, they will move to Canada.

If Obama wins, I fear an assassination attempt. I am scared that I will wake up one morning, just like I did on Sept. 11, 2001, and find out the president was shot because someone couldn't hold back his bigotry.

In either case, there will be a great divide, with consequences.

I'm scared, and yet at the same time I am excited because either choice we make as Americans is going to be historic. I'm scared because we are entering a period that is similar to the temperament of the 1960s and '70s. There is a revolution brewing. There is a war about to be fought, and dividing the country into red and blue states is just going to make matters worse.

I'm scared that I will be able to tell my children when America fell flat on its face because it couldn't come together.

We are at a turning point in our lives. I'm not saying that you should vote for one person over the other, I'm just saying that having a certain amount of respect and understanding will go a long way in this election. I won't call you an "idiot" or "racist" for voting for McCain, just as I would hope that no one calls me "unpatriotic" or "liberal."

As for the Obama signs in my front yard, if you come forward, I won't tell the cops you stole them, just return them or give me my \$10 back so I can go buy new ones.

—Respond to Lori at  
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## McCain needs to step up soon

By Jimmy Paul  
U-Wire

The gloves are off, the brass knuckles are out and Sens. John McCain and Barack Obama are in an intense throw-down this month before Election Day. While McCain would love to battle over foreign policy and Obama's naïve intentions to meet with evil dictators, this year the winner of the competition will come down to economic policies.

Most presidential elections have one key issue that stands out in voters' minds. In 2004, Americans were primarily concerned with the war in Iraq. At the time, one of Sen. John Kerry's reasons for losing the election was his inability to articulate a realistic, comprehensive alternative to the foreign policy of President George Bush.

McCain is in danger of following in Kerry's footsteps. Unless

he is willing to settle for second place, it is time for McCain to take initiative and promote a distinct economic vision for this country.

"McCain is in huge trouble," said Gabrielle O'Leary, freshman psychology major. "He doesn't appeal to the middle class and seems out of touch."

This perception some Americans have is something he must debunk in the weeks ahead.

McCain needs to show compassion and empathy, something he has failed to do so far. He is certainly capable of displaying a personal side, as evidenced by his prisoner of war stories from Vietnam. These are touching and incredible accounts. He must use this communication skill in discussing the economy.

Also, McCain must stress his impressive record of proposing important legislation.

From campaign finance to climate change and immigration reform, he has shown the ability to work with both Democrats and Republicans to improve America.

This bipartisan record will appeal to voters. It will come in handy when dealing with the financial crisis, since no singular bill will completely solve the problem.

Most importantly, McCain needs to hit hard on Obama's economic policies, or lack thereof. Obama often makes the ridiculous claim that he will only raise taxes on those families in the highest tax bracket. But Politico.com has reported that under the Illinois senator's policy, small firms would face tax rates approaching 50 percent. His policy would cripple American businesses — something McCain must quickly point out.

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# Insurgents head to Afghanistan

By Amir Shah  
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. military successes in Iraq have forced sophisticated and well-trained insurgents to pour into Afghanistan instead, part of the reason violence has spiked in Afghanistan, the Afghan defense minister said yesterday.

In a demonstration of the increasingly deadly attacks, a roadside blast in the east where U.S. soldiers operate killed three NATO troops, while two separate roadside bombs in the south killed 16 Afghan civilians, officials said.

The Afghan defense minister, Gen. Abdul Rahim Wardak, said terrorists who would have once fought in Iraq have been "diverted" to Afghanistan.

"The success of coalition forces in Iraq and also some other issues in some of the neighboring countries have made it possible that there is a major increase in the foreign fight-

**"I can't prove they are coming from Iraq to Afghanistan, but I've seen it on Web sites that's what they're being told to do"**

Jeffrey Schloesser | Major General

ers," Wardak told a news conference. "There is no doubt that they are (better) equipped than before. They are well trained, more sophisticated, their coordination is much better."

The top U.S. commander in eastern Afghanistan, Maj. Gen. Jeffrey Schloesser, told The Associated Press last month that he is seeing a spike in the number of foreign militants — including Arabs and Chechens — flowing into Afghanistan. He said militant Web sites have been encouraging fighters to go to Afghanistan

instead of Iraq.

"I can't prove they are coming from Iraq to Afghanistan, but I've seen it on Web sites that's what they're being told to do," Schloesser said.

The Iraqi insurgency at its height drew Arab extremists and other jihadi leaders who were once focused on Afghanistan, including the Egyptian Abu Ayyub al-Masri, believed to be the current leader of al-Qaida in Iraq. Iran also stepped up aid to Shiite militias as sectarian strife grew after 2006. But the precise number foreign fighters in Iraq was never clear and many U.S. commanders believe local Iraqis comprise the bulk of the al-Qaida and other jihadi forces.

In Afghanistan, militant attacks have turned deadlier and more sophisticated this year, part of the reason more U.S. and NATO troops have died there in 2008 than in any year since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion.

NATO said a roadside bomb blast killed three of its soldiers

in eastern Afghanistan yesterday. The alliance did not provide their nationalities or the exact location of the blast, but the majority of troops in the east are American.



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**AFGHANISTAN INSURGENTS:** Afghan defense minister Abdul Rahim Wardak speaks during a press conference in Kabul, Afghanistan. U.S. military success in Iraq has forced sophisticated and well-trained insurgents to pour into Afghanistan instead, the minister of defense said yesterday.

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## US removes South Korea from terrorist list

By Jae-Soon Chang  
The Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea planned to resume dismantling its nuclear program yesterday for the first time in two months, days after the United States removed the communist regime from a terrorism blacklist as a reward under a disarmament pact.

Pyongyang has told the International Atomic Energy Agency that it would restart work to disable the Yongbyon nuclear reactor and allow international inspectors to resume their activity. The plans were outlined in a restricted document to the agency's 35 board members that was obtained by The Associated Press.

Separately, IAEA spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said agency inspectors "will also

now be permitted to reapply the containment and surveillance measures at the reprocessing facility." That meant agency seals taken off the plant and monitoring cameras recently removed at the North's orders would be restored.

The country's official Korean Central News Agency had given no word yesterday afternoon if the work had gotten under way. South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman Moon Tae-young said he had no information whether the work had begun.

North Korea also said Sunday it would restart work to disable Yongbyon, though it did not specify a date.

Two months ago, North Korea stopped disabling Yongbyon in anger over U.S. demands that Pyongyang accept a plan to verify its accounting of nuclear

programs as a condition for removal from a blacklist of countries accused of sponsoring terrorism.



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**PROTESTS:** North Korea said Sunday it will resume disabling its main nuclear facilities, hours after the United States removed the communist country from a list of states Washington says sponsor terrorism.

Until late last week, the North had threatened to reactivate the plutonium reprocessing plant at Yongbyon.

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## Power company not liable for workers electrocuted in Arkansas

By Jon Gambrell  
The Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — A division of Columbus, Ohio-based American Electric Power cannot be held liable for the deaths of workers electrocuted while setting up for a festival in Arkansas, a federal appeals court ruled yesterday.

The 8th Circuit Court of Appeals at St. Louis found workers did not notify Southwestern Electric Power Co. that they would be setting up tents and preparing for the 2004 Chile Pepper Festival in Fayetteville. Judges said SWEPCO also likely was not aware of the scope of the annual festival and

race, which draws about 4,000 runners a year.

An open field at the University of Arkansas where the festival is held had been subdivided by temporary mesh fencing at the time of the deaths. Workers for International Tentnology Corp. tried to lift a tent over the fencing. One of the tent's aluminum poles struck a live electrical line 25 feet overhead, killing three workers and severely injuring three others.

The estates of two of the workers sued SWEPCO in federal court, claiming the company had a responsibility to either elevate, bury or insulate the wires over the field. A U.S. District Court judge dismissed the suit and the estates appealed.

While acknowledging Arkansas law requires electricity companies to "act with reasonable care," the 8th Circuit panel said the workers did not give SWEPCO notice it would be working near the power line.

"The record before the district court does not show that SWEPCO knew or should have known about the risk of an accident like the one which killed the decedents," the court wrote. "We conclude that decedents' accident occurred under unusual circumstances about which SWEPCO had no notice, that it was not foreseeable and that SWEPCO therefore had no legal duty to the decedents."

SWEPCO has 112,000 customers in western Arkansas.

## Death row inmate executed despite appeals

By Matt Reed  
The Associated Press

LUCASVILLE, Ohio — Ohio executed a 5-foot-7, 267-pound double murderer yesterday who argued his obesity made death by lethal injection inhumane.

Richard Cooley, 41, had argued in numerous legal challenges that his weight problem would make it difficult for prison staff to find suitable veins to deliver the deadly chemicals, a problem that delayed previous executions in the state.

There were no such difficulties, said Larry Greene, a spokesman for the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility.

During preparations, though, Cooley shouted for one of his attorneys as prison staff tried to insert a shunt in his left arm. He was worried the staff would botch the execution, said Greg Meyers, an attorney with the Ohio Public Defender's Office.

Cooley, who killed two University of Akron students in 1986, walked into the death chamber wearing gray pants and a black short-sleeve shirt and was strapped onto the gurney.

"For what? You (expletive) haven't paid any attention to anything I've said in the last 22 1/2 years, why would anyone pay any attention to anything I've had to say now," Cooley said looking at the ceiling. He made no other comment.

Cooley tapped the fingers of his left hand several times before he died and his face took on a purple shade.

Six family members of one of his victims quietly watched the execution. Mary Ann Hackenberg, the mother of Dawn McCreery, who was 20 when she was killed, looked to the ceiling and let out a sigh when Cooley's death was announced at 10:28 a.m.

Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh said the family was disappointed that

Cooley was vulgar and hateful to the end.

"He still would not apologize and still would not accept responsibility for what he did," she said.

Three of Cooley's lawyers served as his witnesses.

"The government has no conscience, only policy. Today the policy was state-sanctioned murder of Richard Cooley," said one of the lawyers, Eric Allen.

Cooley was the first inmate executed in Ohio in more than a year, and the state's first since the end of the unofficial moratorium on executions that began last year while the U.S. Supreme Court reviewed Kentucky's lethal injection procedure.

Cooley lost a final appeal earlier yesterday when the U.S. Supreme Court turned down without comment his complaint

that the state's protocol for lethal injection could cause an agonizing and painful death. Cooley wanted the state to use a single drug rather than a three-drug combination, and asked for a stay of execution pending a hearing on that motion.

The court on Monday denied a separate appeal based on Cooley's claim that his obesity was a bar to humane lethal injection.

Cooley was 75 pounds heavier than when he went to death row — the result of prison food and 23-hour-a-day confinement, his lawyers said.

The last Ohio inmate to be executed was Christopher Newton — who was similar in size to Cooley — in May 2007. The execution team had trouble putting IVs in his arm, delaying his execution nearly two hours.



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**DEATH ROW:** Cooley claimed he was too fat to die by lethal injection and was executed for the deaths of two young women.

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### WOMEN'S TENNIS

#### Falcons take 16 wins at Western Michigan

The Falcons women's tennis team took 11 singles wins and five doubles wins at the Fall MAC Invitational in Western Michigan. The team only lost 11 matches in the meet.

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**1988**—An injured Kick Gibson hits a pinch-hit, ninth inning home run off Dennis Eckersley in game one of the World Series.

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## The List

Yesterday we brought you the candidates for the American League MVP award. Today, we'll bring you five candidates for the National League's winner:

#### 1. Ryan Howard:

Howard is one the many driving forces on the Phillies. This season, he had a Major League best 48 home runs, 146 RBIs but just a .251 average.

#### 2. Hanley Ramirez:

Since he plays for Florida, he doesn't get much love, but Ramirez's stat line is solid: 33 home runs, 66 RBI, 125 runs and a .301 average.

#### 3. Albert Pujols:

Despite missing some games due to injury at the beginning of the year, Pujols put up his typical offensive season: 37 home runs, 116 RBIs, 100 runs and a .357 average.

#### 4. Manny Ramirez:

While he only played half a season in the NL, Ramirez hit .396 with 17 home runs and 53 RBIs in the 53 games. He helped push the Dodgers into the playoffs.

#### 5. Tim Lincecum:

The power pitcher was the lone bright spot for the Giants who watched as he posted an 18-5 record, a 2.62 ERA and 265 strikeouts.

## Toledo captain Moore, DE Alexandre arrested after Michigan win



CARLOS OSORIO | AP PHOTO

**ARRESTED:** Senior captain Nick Moore is one of the two Rockets arrested on Saturday.

TOLEDO (AP) — Two Toledo players arrested outside a bar just hours after the Rockets beat Michigan on Saturday will not start this weekend against Northern Illinois.

Wide receiver Nick Moore, who caught 20 passes for 162 yards in the 13-10 victory over the Wolverines, was charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct. Police said the senior and team captain was involved in a fight.

According to a police report, officers had to use mace to break up a rowdy crowd of about



**Nick Moore**  
Had 162 yards  
against Michigan  
on Saturday



**Albertson Alexandre**  
Has 13 tackles  
and one sack on  
the season

40 people outside a Toledo bar Saturday night.

Amstutz said the two also will be disciplined internally.

A police report says that officers breaking up a crowd outside a Toledo bar used mace to break up a crowd of as many as 40 people.

Moore was charged with disorderly conduct, because police say the senior and team captain was fighting with another man.

Alexandre was charged with obstructing official business, also a misdemeanor. The police report says he had ignored commands to leave the area.



# Tide Turner

Versatile Turner starts at running back; revives season against Akron

By Andrew Harner  
Assistant Sports Editor

**"Anybody who wants to win wants the ball in their hands. I'm willing to take on any challenges that come towards me."**

Anthony Turner | Running back

It's not often that a starting NCAA football player doubles his season offensive output in his team's sixth game when he has started each of the five previous games.

But, Anthony Turner isn't a typical football player.

After nursing a shoulder injury the past few weeks, Turner had gained just 139 yards in the first five games of the season, but last weekend against Akron, a healthy Turner showed just how dominant he can be on the gridiron.

"A.T. was our offensive player of the

week," coach Gregg Brandon said.

And while Tyler Sheehan garnered the actual MAC East Offensive Player of the Week honors, Turner's 173 total offensive yards were a big part of the team's 37-33 win.

Despite being listed on the season opening two-deep as a wide receiver for his senior season, Turner has been

moved all around the offense this season; gaining most of his yards through the running game (238) instead of the receiving game (69).

Moving around the offense is no big deal for Turner, though, as he has seen time all over the field in the past two seasons with the Falcons.

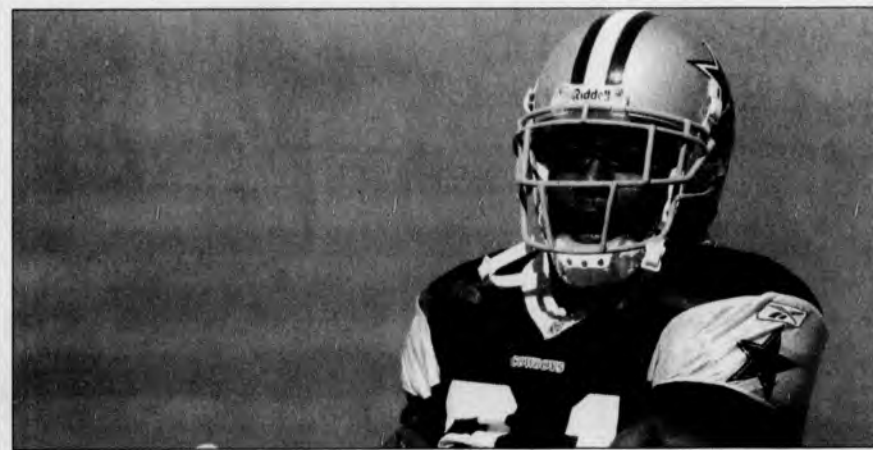
"Anybody who wants to win wants the

ball in their hands," Turner said. "I'm willing to take on any challenges that come towards me."

Last season, Turner was the team's leading rusher with 519 yards on 106 carries and nine touchdowns. He also caught 22 passes for 185 yards and completed four of five passes for 65 yards and three touchdowns.

Two years ago, Turner was the team's starting quarterback and second leading rusher. That season, he was 144-252 with 1,596 yards and 11 touchdowns in the passing game and carried the ball 141 times for 480 yards and five touch-

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TONY GUTIERREZ | AP PHOTO

**SUSPENDED:** Adam "Pacman" Jones has again been suspended by NFL commissioner Roger Goodell after an alcohol related incident.

## Jones suspended at least four games

By Stephen Hawkins  
The Associated Press

FORT WORTH, Texas — Dallas Cowboys cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones was suspended for at least four games by the NFL yesterday for violating the league's personal conduct policy.

NFL commissioner Roger Goodell will then determine the full length of the suspension following the Cowboys' game in Washington on Nov. 16.

Jones was in repeated legal trouble while with the Tennessee Titans and was involved in an alcohol-related scuffle Oct. 7

with one of his bodyguards at a private party in Dallas.

In a letter to Jones yesterday, Goodell cited a "disturbing pattern of behavior and clearly inconsistent with the conditions

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## Miami punter Richardson leading nation in average

By Alex Butler  
The Miami Student

Despite Miami University's poor start to its football season, one RedHawk kicked his season off on the right foot.

Senior punter Jake Richardson currently leads the NCAA Football Bowl Subdivision in punting, averaging 48.5 yards per kick. Richardson is believed to be the only Miami player to ever lead the nation in this category, according to the Miami athletic department.

After missing this year's spring drills with a leg injury, Richardson was just hoping he'd be able to play. As a result, he said his success isn't going to his head.

"It's great, but there are still a lot of games left to play," Richardson said. "You always set the goal to put the team in the best position. God blessed me to show my talents and I am blessed just to be able to show



**Jake Richardson**  
Walk-on leads the  
nation with 48.5  
yards per punt

everyone what I can do."

In 2004, Richardson made the team as a walk-on and red-shirted as a true freshman. Growing up in Oxford, he attended Talawanda High School and emerged as a stand out for the Braves. In high school, Jake was a three-year letter-winner as a safety, linebacker and punter.

The oldest of nine children, Richardson is now quickly emerging as a leader on a RedHawk team loaded with experience.

Although punters usually don't garner much respect, Richardson proved how vital of

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## Tennis wins 16 matches at Western Michigan's Fall MAC Invitational

By Craig Vanderkam  
Reporter

Falcon tennis was well-represented last weekend, winning 11 singles matches and five more in doubles play in the Fall MAC Invitational at Western Michigan.

No team scores were kept at the three-day event, but results did count toward individual records. BG was involved in six flights of singles and three flights of doubles, each featuring an individual flight champion and runner-up.

Three of the Falcons singles players reached their flight finals, as did two of the three doubles pairings.

Christine Chiricostadropped her first singles match of the season, losing to the Kersten Pahl (Western Michigan) in the top singles flight final.

"[Pahl] is a top-level player, she was MAC player of the year last year and went undefeated in the conference," said Chiricosta. "There was really nothing I could have done much better, I thought I played well all weekend."



ETHAN MAGOC | THE BG NEWS

**ALL SMILES:** The women's tennis team had 16 victories at Western Michigan.

Katia Babina lost in the fourth flight final, as did Stefanie Menoff in the sixth, both to Western Michigan opponents.

Western Michigan won six of the seven singles flights and two of the three doubles flights. The Broncos have won four straight MAC regular-season championships.

BG's top doubles flight of Chiricosta and Kelsey Jakupcin lost on a tie-breaker

set in the finals vs. Toledo, and the third flight of Menoff and Libby Harrison fell to Western Michigan in their flight final.

"Really we did the second best in the MAC," said head coach Penny Dean. "I feel that through the tournament we had a lot of good wins, and most of our losses were to WMU and we need to compete right at the outset of a match better against them."

At the Invitational, the team went 11-7 in singles play and 5-4 in doubles. Their year-to-date cumulative record is now 37-17 in singles and 12-12 in doubles.

The Falcons only freshman, Jessica Easdale, has not played yet this year due to a wrist injury.

"She offers a lot of coaching help," Dean said. "It is tough to come in as a freshman and have wrist surgery right away, but she is very knowledgeable about the game and strategy."

Selected members of the Falcons tennis team will travel to East Lansing, Mich., for the ITA Midwest Regional, Oct. 23-28.

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downs.

"It's a major part of our offense to move him around all over the field," fellow senior Corey Partridge said. "Defenses have to prepare for that. I'm sure that they really focus on A.T. when they focus on the depth chart."

And while Turner can break out for a big game any given week, over the years, he has played against Akron very well.

In BG's 2006 35-28 loss to the Zips, Turner perhaps played the best he has against Akron over the last three seasons.

In the passing game, Turner was 20-36 for 192 yards and a

touchdown, but he was more valuable running the ball where he had 22 carries for 105 yards and three touchdowns.

Sheehan remembers the day well because he was supposed to get some playing time that week as quarterback.

"We were supposed to split time, but he was playing so well it never ended up happening," Sheehan said. "There's just something about playing Akron that A.T. gets fired up about."

The 2007 contest between the two saw Turner again play well against the Zips, this time in front of a home crowd.

Turner was used in that game primarily as the running back with 104 yards and a touchdown. However, he also threw a 33-yard

touchdown and caught three passes for 16 yards, giving him 153 total offensive yards on the day.

"As long as I can be on the field to help the team win, it really doesn't matter where I'm at," Turner said.

And with this year's game against Akron, Turner has shown that maybe there is something about facing the Zips that helps him zip up and down the field.

But with his days playing Akron over, the focus now shifts to Miami.

Brandon said he expects Turner to see a start at running back this weekend against Miami, who is 7th in the Mid-American Conference in rushing defense by allowing 166.8 yards per game.

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a weapon he is this year. He enjoyed a career day against The University of Michigan, averaging a school record of 53.9 yards per punt including a career long 74-yard boot. This performance earned him honors as the MAC East Special Teams Player of the Week.

"Michigan was a huge game," Richardson said. "It was bitter-sweet, because we lost the football game, but I had one of my career games."

Special teams are often overlooked, but this year's team has proven to be one of the most important aspects this year. The RedHawks view Richardson as a key component to winning the important battle for field position.

"He's a very important part of what we do," head coach Shane Montgomery said. "Even if we have to punt, with a guy like Jake, that's still a pretty good

**"Even if we have to punt, with a guy like Jake, that's still a pretty good weapon. He's worked really hard to become consistent. We have enough confidence in our defense that we will let him put us in good field position."**

Shane Montgomery | Coach

weapon. He's worked really hard to become consistent. We have enough confidence in our defense that we will let him put us in good field position."

Miami's special teams corps is loaded with experience this year. Along with Richardson, senior kicker Nathan Parseghian adds to a strong supporting special teams cast.

"We have a lot of seniors," Parseghian said. "A lot of experience has really helped us out on special teams this year. Special teams (are) a lot of times run by freshmen. The gunners have really helped (Richardson) out a lot by mak-

ing plays down the field."

Although he is off to a good start, Richardson said he still has plenty to look forward to. A top candidate for the Ray Guy Award, he said wants to finish the season the way it started as well as continue to push himself.

"To be an all American and one of the best punters is one of my personal goals," Richardson said. "I want to give the next level a shot."

As the RedHawks continue to progress through their conference schedule, this NCAA-leading punter may be just what they need to kick-start the team.

## Pavlik set to fight Hopkins in Atlantic City

By Rachel Cohen  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — One fighter was the aggressor, making the big moves and going for it all. The other was more evasive, biding his time and defending himself.

Kelly Pavlik and Bernard Hopkins were a contrast in styles at their news conference yesterday. They will be again Saturday in their 170-pound bout in Atlantic City, but then the roles will reverse.

Four days before the fight, Hopkins was his bombastic self, trying to bait his opponent into betting \$250,000 that Pavlik will become the first boxer to knock out the 43-year-old.

Pavlik, the 26-year-old undefeated middleweight champion



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**FIGHT NIGHT:** Kelly Pavlik (left) and Bernard Hopkins pose for their Atlantic City fight.

from Youngstown, Ohio, has 30 knockouts in 34 career bouts. Promoter Bob Arum deflected the dare before his boxer even stepped to the podium, and Pavlik spoke briefly and without bluster.

"I haven't one fight, ever, predicted a KO," Pavlik said calmly. "I don't train eight hard weeks with a brutal workout regimen and put my body through what I do just to knock somebody out."

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I set for your continued participation in the NFL."

The disturbance at an upscale Dallas hotel came only six weeks after Goodell reinstated Jones from a 17-month suspension.

At an NFL meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla., Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he had

spoken to the player, whom he described as "devastated" by the news. Jerry Jones last week said the team wouldn't discipline the cornerback.

"We respect and support the decision of the commissioner," he said in a statement released by the team. "I regret that this issue has brought negative attention to the Cowboys and the NFL."

"We move forward with a very clear knowledge as to what the

process will be for a possible reinstatement. Adam is well aware of where he stands and what he has to do."

The league said reinstatement will depend on strict compliance with treatment plans by the NFL and the Cowboys and an evaluation by "clinical experts."

The player's agent, Worrick Robinson, didn't immediately return messages left with his assistant and on his cell phone.

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# McCain offers economic plan; he will act quickly if elected

By Beth Fouhy  
The Associated Press

BLUE BELL, Pa. — Republican presidential candidate John McCain yesterday proposed a \$52.5 billion economic plan that would eliminate taxes on unemployment benefits and cut the capital gains tax while warning voters about taking a chance on Democratic rival Barack Obama.

"Perhaps never before in history have the American people been asked to risk so much based on so little," McCain said of his opponent during a speech at a community college in this Philadelphia suburb.

McCain also promised that as president he would order the Treasury Department to guarantee 100 percent of all savings for six months. Such a guarantee, above the \$250,000 now in force, would ease consumer fears of bank failures and restore "rational judgment to the choices of the market," he said.

The Arizona senator, who trails in the polls on economic issues, said, "The moment requires that government act. And as president I intend to act, quickly and decisively."

McCain said President Bush's \$250 billion plan to buy shares in the nation's leading banks — which helped stocks soar on Monday — should be short-term and last only until the institutions are reformed and put on a sound footing again.

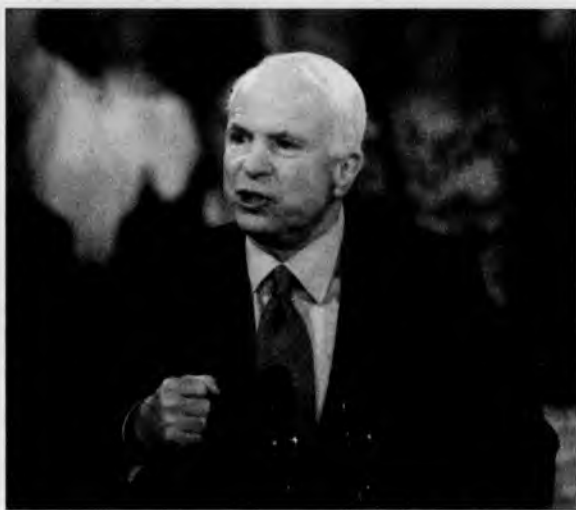
"When that is accomplished," McCain said, "government will relinquish its interest in these private companies. We're going to get the government out of the business of bailouts and equity stakes and back in the business of responsible regulation."

More than 3.6 million Americans received unemployment benefits, according to the McCain campaign. If the government eliminated taxes on unemployment benefits, recipients would see an increase on average of nearly 10 percent, the campaign said.

McCain also called for cut-

ting the tax rate on capital gains in half, down to 7.5 percent for two years. "This vital measure will promote buying, raise asset values, help companies and shore up the pension plans for workers and retirees," he said.

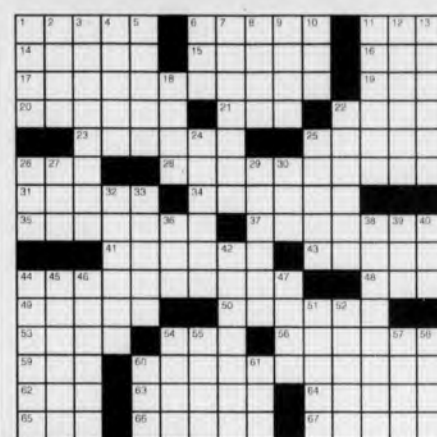
McCain proposed lowering the tax rate on Individual Retirement Accounts and 401(k) plans to the lowest rate, 10 percent, on the first \$50,000 withdrawn. The McCain campaign estimated it would affect 9 million people over the age of 60, but the biggest benefit would go to the highest income seniors.



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**ECONOMICS:** Republican presidential candidate, Sen. John McCain, makes remarks during a rally at Montgomery County Community College in Blue Bell, Pa.

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## Organization accused of voter registration fraud

By Ann Sanner  
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An activist organization yesterday defended its voter registration practices amid new allegations of voter fraud and a call from Republican lawmakers to investigate irregularities.

In Ohio, Democrat Barack Obama told reporters that the group's registration problems should not be used by the GOP as an excuse to keep voters from turning out on Election Day.

The Association of Community Organizations for Reform Now, known as ACORN, has registered 1.3 million young people, minorities and poor and working-class voters, the group says.

Some of those registration cards have become the focus of fraud investigations in Nevada, Connecticut, Missouri and at least five other states. Election officials in Ohio and North Carolina also recently questioned the group's voter forms.

More than 13,000 workers

in 21 states recruited less-fortunate voters, who tend to be Democrats.

"The vast, vast majority were dedicated workers," ACORN spokesman Kevin Whelan said at a news conference yesterday. "They did something remarkable in bringing all these new voters."

On Monday, election officials in Ohio's most populous county asked a prosecutor to investigate multiple registrations by four people who signed up through ACORN. One voter said he signed 73 voter registration forms over a five-month period.

The North Carolina State Board of Elections is reviewing suspect voter forms from at least two counties.

Meanwhile, House Republicans have also renewed their push for the Justice Department to investigate the group. On Friday, six GOP leaders wrote to Attorney General Michael Mukasey to urge him to make sure ballots by ineligible or fraudulent voters are not counted on Nov. 4.

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# Fires destroy dozens of homes; thousands forced to flee

By Shaya Tayefe Mohajer  
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES—Powerful winds stoked three major wildfires yesterday morning after destroying dozens of homes, forcing thousands to flee and killing two people.

The fires have charred more than 20 square miles in suburban Los Angeles and northern San Diego County in three days, with the fiercest blazes burning in the San Fernando Valley.

More than 2,000 firefighters and a fleet of water—and retardant—dropping aircraft battled fierce flames yesterday morning. Intense winds caused a fire in the west end of the valley to double in size from 5,000 to nearly 10,000 acres overnight, fire officials said.

A second fire at the northeast end of the valley was 70 percent contained yesterday, Inspector Paul Hartwell said. Officials reduced the acreage to 4,800 acres from 5,300 acres.

About 3,000 homes remain evacuated and winds could

return in the afternoon, Hartwell said.

Santa Ana winds were gusting at 50 mph in parts of the valley yesterday morning, county fire officials said.

Authorities lifted an evacuation order for about 1,000 homes threatened by a wildfire on Camp Pendleton yesterday but said another 500 homes sitting on the border with the Marine base are to remain vacated.

On the base, Marine Cpl. Priscilla Vitale said the fire has scorched more than 3,000 acres and was about 25 percent contained yesterday. The fires that started Monday on the base's training ranges were not caused by any type of military training, Vitale said.

"The fire wants to make its way to the coast, and we're going to do our level best to stop it," said Los Angeles Fire Department spokesman Brian Humphrey. "Two-thirds of our department is on the line."

Traffic was snarled when the 118 Ronald Reagan Freeway

closed in both directions for the second time as flames and smoke approached the roadway, the California Highway Patrol said. It reopened after about an hour yesterday morning.

The freeway was the scene of a fatal wreck Monday when a tow truck rear-ended a car and killed the driver. California Highway Patrol Officer Leland Tang said traffic stalled because firefighters were going by as fire neared the route.

A second fatality was discovered Monday in the rugged canyonlands below the mountainous Angeles National Forest. The victim was a man who appeared to be a transient living with a dog in a makeshift shelter, officials said. Mayor Anthony Villaraigosa said it would take some time to identify the victim.

Authorities confirmed more than three dozen mobile homes burned in the west end of the valley and 19 structures—some of them homes—were destroyed at the northeast end. Commercial sites burned in both fires.



MIKE MEADOWS | AP PHOTOS

**BLAZIN':** An LA County firefighter works to douse flames on a two story house near Porter Ranch in Los Angeles on Monday. Two huge wildfires driven by strong Santa Ana winds threatened neighborhoods on the edges of the San Fernando Valley on Monday, killing one person, destroying several dozen mobile homes and forcing frantic evacuations.

## Authorities worry financial woes are causing murder-suicides

By Kelli Kennedy  
The Associated Press

An out-of-work money manager in California loses a fortune and wipes out his family in a murder-suicide. A 90-year-old Ohio widow shoots herself in the chest as authorities arrive to evict her from the modest house she called home for 38 years.

In Massachusetts, a housewife who had hidden her family's mounting financial crisis from her husband sends a note to the mortgage company warning: "By the time you foreclose on my house, I'll be dead."

Then Carlene Balderrama shot herself to death, leaving an insurance policy and a suicide note on a table.

Across the country, authorities are becoming concerned that the nation's financial woes could turn increasingly violent, and they are urging people to get help. In some places, mental-health hot lines are jammed, counseling services are in high demand and domestic-violence shelters are full.

"I've had a number of people say that this is the thing most reminiscent of 9/11 that's happened here since then," said the Rev. Canon Ann Maloney, vicar at Trinity Church in the heart of New York's financial district. "It's that sense of having the rug pulled out from under them."

With nowhere else to turn, many people are calling suicide-prevention hot lines. The Samaritans of New York have seen calls rise more than 16 percent in the past year, many of them money-related. The Switchboard of Miami has recorded more than 500 foreclosure-related calls this year.

"A lot of people are telling us they are losing everything. They're losing their homes, they're going into foreclosure, they've lost their jobs," said Virginia Cervasio, executive director of a suicide resource center in southwest Florida's Lee County.

But tragedies keep mounting: — In Los Angeles last week, a former money manager fatally shot his wife, three sons and

his mother-in-law before killing himself.

Karthik Rajaram, 45, left a suicide note saying he was in financial trouble and contemplated killing just himself. But he said he decided to kill his entire family because that was more honorable, police said.

Rajaram once worked for a major accounting firm and for Sony Pictures, and he had been part-owner of a financial holding company. But he had been out of work for several months, police said.

After the murder-suicide, police and mental-health officials in Los Angeles took the unusual step of urging people to seek help for themselves or loved ones if they feel overwhelmed by grim financial news. They said they were specifically afraid of the "copycat phenomenon."

"This is a perfect American family behind me that has absolutely been destroyed, apparently because of a man who just got stuck in a rabbit hole, if you will, of absolute despair," Deputy Police Chief Michel Moore said. "It is critical to step up and recognize we are in some pretty troubled times."

— In Tennessee, a woman fatally shot herself last week as sheriff's deputies went to evict her from her foreclosed home.

Pamela Ross, 57, and her husband were fighting foreclosure on their home when sheriff's deputies in Sevierville came to serve an eviction notice. They were across the street when they heard a gunshot and found Ross dead from a wound to the chest. The case was even more tragic because the couple had recently been granted an extra 10 days to appeal.

— In Akron, Ohio, the 90-year-old widow who shot herself on Oct. 1 is recovering. A congressman told Addie Polk's story on the House floor before lawmakers voted to approve a \$700 billion financial rescue package. Mortgage finance company Fannie Mae dropped the foreclosure, forgave her mortgage and said she could remain in the home.



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